

of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of SEC rules and forms.

Rules 1(c), 2, 53, 54, 55, 57(a) and 57(b) each impose a mandatory recordkeeping requirement of this information collection. It is mandatory that qualifying companies provide the information required by rules 2, 53, 54, 55, 57(a) and 57(b), and it is mandatory that registered holding companies provide the information required by rule 1(c). There is no requirement to keep the information in the forms confidential because it is public information.

Written comments regrading the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget ("OMB"), (Project Numbers 3235-0426 [Rule 53], 3235-0427 [Rule 54], 3235-0430 [Rule 55], 3235-0428 [Form U-57], 3235-0429 [Form U-33-S], 3235-0168 [Form U5S], and 3235-0161 [Form U-3A-2], Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: August 17, 1998.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

#### Extension:

Rule 45, SEC File No. 270-164, OMB Control No. 3235-0154  
Rule 52, SEC File No. 270-326, OMB Control No. 3235-0369

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Rule 45 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (15 U.S.C. 79A, *et seq.*) ("Act") imposes a filing requirement on registered holding companies and their subsidiaries under section 12(b) of the Act. Under the requirement, the companies must file a declaration seeking authority to make loans or otherwise extend credit to other companies in the same holding company system. Among others, the rule excepts from the filing requirement the performance of payment obligations under consolidated tax agreements. The purpose of the rule is to ensure that registered holding companies and their subsidiaries do not engage in activities that are a detriment to interests the Act is designed to protect (*i.e.*, cross-subsidization). The Commission estimates that the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden is 46 hours. (*e.g.*, 14 recordkeepers  $\times$  approximately 3.3 hours = approximately 46 hours).

It is mandatory that qualifying companies provide the information required by rule 45. There is no requirement to keep the information confidential because it is public information.

Rule 52 permits public utility subsidiary companies of registered holding companies to issue and sell certain securities without filing a declaration if certain conditions are met. The Commission estimates that the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden of collections under rule 52 is 33 hours (*e.g.*, 33 responses  $\times$  one hour = 33 burden hours).

There is no recordkeeping requirement of this information collection. It is mandatory that qualifying companies provide the information required by rule 52. There is no requirement to keep the information confidential because it is public information.

The estimates of average burden hours are made for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms. It should be noted that "an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number."

General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget ("OMB"), Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate

Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Requests Under Review by Office of Management and Budget

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

#### Extensions:

Reg. D, SEC File No. 270-72, OMB Control No. 3235-0076

Reg. A, SEC File No. 270-110, OMB Control No. 3235-0286

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for approval of extension on the following:

Regulations A and D provide exemptions from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"). Regulation A provides a conditional small issues exemption and Regulation D sets forth rules governing the limited offer and sale of securities without Securities Act registration. Those relying on Regulation A must file a Form 1-A and those relying on Regulation D file a Form D. Issuers of securities are the likely respondents. Approximately 186 respondents file Regulation A annually for a total annual burden of 115,506 hours. Approximately 8,605 respondents file Regulation D annually for a total annual burden of 137,680 hours.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building,